

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Annual Assessment of the Status of  
Competition in the Market for the  
Delivery of Video Programming  
COMMENTS OF  
WACT TV, Ashland Cable Access

MB Docket No. 12-203

WACA TV, Ashland submits these comments in response to the above captioned Notice of Inquiry ("NOI"), released July 20, 2012, seeking "data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming."

WACA TV, Ashland is an independent non-profit 501(c)(4) organization that runs the community media center in the Town of Ashland, Massachusetts. WACA TV is committed to providing service to the Town in all areas of PEG. The staff with the assistance of dedicated freelancers and volunteers are available to cover all aspects of community events and government meetings as well as a variety of productions produced by our outstanding producers.

1. We have 3 channels from Comcast and 3 channels from Verizon to provide PEG access programming

2. These channels are placed on the lowest tier of cable provided. If residents only have analog television sets they require a digital converter box to receive this basic service.

3. There the same amount of channels as provided in June 2010?

1. Our viewers can go online to our website to view our programming schedule. Neither cable provider has allowed us the ability to include our schedule in their channel guide.

1. AT&T U verse is not one of our cable providers.

1. WACA TV is a very active community media center with state of the art equipment. We have found our viewership growing and local residents have come to rely on us for coverage of all town events as well as school functions. The variety of programming we offer as increased over the last several years. Our subscribers enjoy the selection of shows offered and our local hosts have become somewhat of local celebrities being recognized as the go about their daily activities around town. We continually strive to improve the quality of our productions by providing our staff and producers the best equipment and skills to get the job done the best we can. Our goal is to continue to be an asset to our community and serve the Town of Ashland for years to come.

We have been fortunate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have not fallen victim of state-wide franchising. Our state legislators have been supportive of community media. Each time a piece of legislation has been introduced which threatens our survival, with the help of our legislature the bill has never left committee. WACA TV has consistently received a healthy operating budget from both our cable providers, Verizon and Comcast.

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